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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI ESTC IT  
SUBJ: NDPC SECURITY SURVEY OF ITALY

REF: NDPC REPORT RA-030/78 JULY 20, 1978; ROME 10930 (DTG  
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1. EMBASSY ENDORSES CONCLUSIONS OF NDPC SECURITY SURVEY/ITALY. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN DISTURBED BY INACCURACIES IN REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL, SOME OF WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED IN EMBASSY'S 10930 OF JUNE 13. THOSE INACCURACIES WILL IN THE BUREAUCRATIC TRADITION BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORD AND COULD, WE FEAR, BECOME SOURCE MATERIAL UPON WHICH FUTURE DECISIONS COULD BE MADE. ALTHOUGH IT MAY APPEAR THAT INACCURACIES OF THE KIND WE IDENTIFIED ARE MARGINAL, LARGELY ATMOSPHERIC AND IMPRESSIONISTIC, THEY ARE IN OUR VIEW DIRECTLY PERTINENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ATMOSPHERE AND IMPRESSION ARE KEY ELEMENTS IN MAKING ASSESSMENTS.

2. AS THE SECURITY SURVEY OF ITALY PUBLISHED AS SS-1/78 DOES NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE INFORMATION AND OPINIONS CONVEYED BY MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY TO THE SURVEY TEAM, THE EMBASSY URGES THAT THE REPORT BE EITHER REDRAFTED TO CORRECT MISSTATEMENTS OR SUITABLY FOOTNOTED. HOLMES

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